



# ***INSIGHTS***

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# I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

## HOUSE

This week, the House will hold three separate hearings on the President's proposal to establish a cabinet-level agency for a Department of Homeland Security.

## SENATE

The Senate will hold one hearing on the establishment of a Department of Homeland Security.

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES/VOTES

***Comprehensive Energy Legislation*** Conference negotiations on *H.R. 4* are expected to begin on Thursday, June 24 with introductory remarks by House and Senate leadership. Last week, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D/SD) suggested that two controversial issues, Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards (CAFÉ) and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) would not be considered by conferees. He favors focusing on provisions "where there is a real possibility for compromise." He stressed that ANWR is a non-issue since no related provision was included in the Senate bill. In addition, since the Senate could not come to an agreement on CAFÉ, this chamber's bill (*S 517*, which amended *H.R. 4*) only directed the Department of Transportation to study the issue of increasing standards. Meanwhile, Billy Tauzin (R/LA) Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Energy Conference Committee was quoted last week as saying, "It's our intent to produce a comprehensive bill. We don't get to make energy policy that often around here."

Joe Barton, (R/), Chair of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality (Committee on Energy and Commerce) is expected to introduce his draft utility restructuring bill during negotiations; the bill was never marked up by the subcommittee or full committee. However, Senate Democrats object to this proposal. Jeff Bingaman (D/NM), Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources said that conference negotiations will focus only "on legislation that has passed" referring to the House and Senate versions of *H.R. 4*.

***FY 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations*** A schedule for conference committee negotiations is still pending but members may begin meeting this week.

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# II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

## HOUSE

***FY 2003 Appropriations*** On June 24, Bill Young (R/FL), Chair of the Committee on Appropriations released the 302(b) allocations for eight of the 13 subcommittees; the allocations are provided in the chart below:

# **STATUS OF FY 2003 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS**

(In Billions)

**HOUSE**

**SENATE**

<i>Jurisdiction/ FY 2003 Budget Request</i>	<i>302(b) Allocations / Approved Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>	<i>302(b) Allocations /Approved Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>
<b>Agriculture</b> <b>\$17.05</b>	<b>\$17.6</b>									
<b>Commerce</b> <b>\$ 40.693</b>	<b>\$40.3</b>									
<b>Defense</b> <b>\$356.5</b>	<b>\$354.4</b>									
<b>Energy and Water Development</b> <b>\$24.274</b>	<b>\$26.03</b>									
<b>Interior</b> <b>\$18.983</b>	<b>\$19.7</b>									
<b>Labor / HHS</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>									
<b>Military Construction</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>									
<b>Transportation</b> <b>\$ 10.84</b>	<b>\$19.4</b>									
<b>Treasury</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>									
<b>VA/HUD</b> <b>\$ 92.477</b>	<b>\$91.8</b>									
<b>Total 302(b) Allocations/ FY 2003 Budget Request</b> <b>\$</b>										

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## SENATE

*No new activities of interest to report.*

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## III. NEW LEGISLATION

*([Note](#): Once a new bill is introduced, the Government Printing Office generally requires from several days to one week to make the bill available in print)*

## HOUSE

*There is no new legislation of interest to report.*

## SENATE

*There is no new legislation of interest to report.*

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## IV. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

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*No new initiatives of interest to report.*

## V. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

### HOUSE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>June 26</i> – Subcommittee on Agriculture	Henry Bonilla (R/TX)	<i>Mark Up</i> – FY 2003 Appropriations bill	N/A	1:00 p.m. Room 2362 Rayburn Office Building

## HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<b>June 25 -</b> Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (Committee on Energy and Commerce) <b>(NEW)</b>	James Greenwood (R/PA)	<b>Hearing</b> – Creation of a proposed Department of Homeland Security	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 2123 Rayburn Office Building
<b>June 26 –</b> Committee on Agriculture <b>(NEW)</b>	Larry Combest (R/TX)	<b>Hearing</b> – Creation of a proposed Department of Homeland Security	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 1300 Longworth Office Building
<b>June 26 -</b> Committee on Armed Services <b>(NEW)</b>	Bob Stump (R/AZ)	<b>Hearing</b> – Creation of a proposed Department of Homeland Security and its impact on the Department of Defense and defense-related aspects of the Department of Energy	Dr. Stephen A. Cambone, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Department of Defense  Department of Energy witness to be determined	10:30 a.m. Room 2118 Rayburn Office Building

## SENATE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<b>June 2 –</b> Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies and the full Appropriations Committee <b>(NEW)</b>	Robert Byrd (D/WV)	<b>Mark Up - FY 2003 Appropriations bill</b>	N/A	Time – TBA Room 126 Capitol

## SENATE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<b>June 26 –</b>	James Jeffords	<b>Hearing</b> – Creation	TBA	10:00 a.m.

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
Committee on Environment and Public Works <i>(NEW)</i>	(I/VT)	of a proposed Department of Homeland Security		Room 406 Dirksen Office Building

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## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS/FLOOR VOTES

Date/Activity	Bill
<i>June 24</i> – Conference negotiations	<i>H.R. 4</i> – Comprehensive energy legislation – introductory remarks

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